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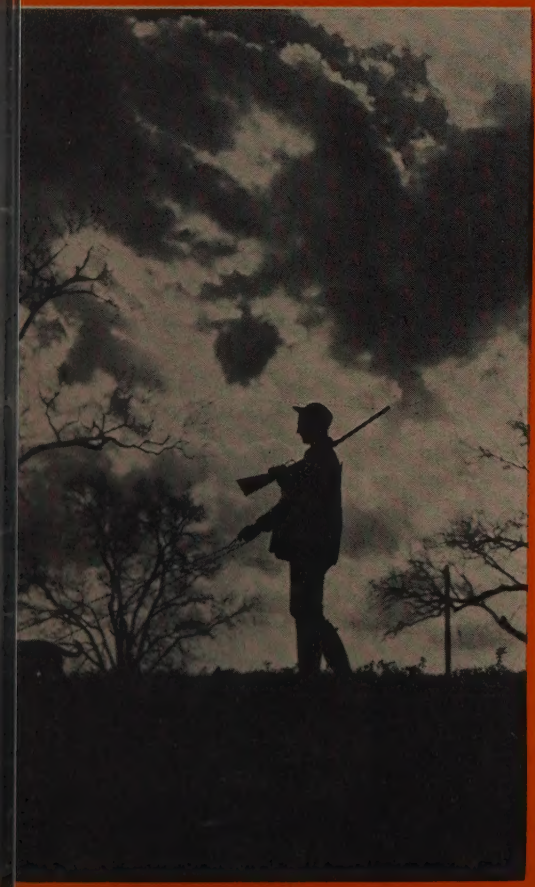

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Preview of 1954 Brotherhood Topics

The purpose of these topics will be to study the congregation's relationship to its community, in order that a better understanding of this relationship may result and the congregation may be enabled to make a larger contribution to the building of God's Kingdom.

January: The Congregation and Its Community

This topic should lay foundations for the study of all topics which are to follow during the year. It should orientate members of the Brotherhood for this study. It should lay adequate emphasis upon the theme of the year, setting forth ideas such as those contained in the introduction to these topic outlines.

The aims are:

1. To study the congregation's community objectively so that its faults and virtues, its people and institutions, its problems and needs may be clearly seen.
2. To see how the community is influencing the congregation.
3. To see how the congregation is influencing the community.
4. To determine the primary task of the congregation, and the bearing which this task has upon the congregation's relationship to the community.

February: The Congregation's and the Community's Leadership

This topic should consider the leadership of both the local congregation and the community in which it exists. Is the congregation's leadership — church councilmen, church school teachers and officers, auxiliary and other workers — a good cross section of the community or does it represent only certain groups in the community? For instance, is the church council composed entirely of business and professional men, while a large percentage of the members are from the "working classes"? What bearing does a "stratified" leadership in the congregation have upon the congregation's relationship to its community?

The aims are:

1. To study the congregation's leadership to discover whether it represents a cross section of the community or whether it has become "stratified."
2. To consider the influence which a "stratified" leadership has upon a congregation's relationship to its community.
3. To consider the pastor's rightful relationship to the community.
4. To consider whether the local congregation is making its proper contribution to civic leadership.
5. To take steps that will enable the congregation to provide a fair share of the leadership in the community.

March: The Congregation and Community Problems

In some communities certain prob-

lems are more pronounced than in others. Some communities are fortunate enough to escape almost entirely problems that are very vexing to other communities. But every community has its problems, and Christians should not be blind to them.

The aims are:

1. To become aware of the almost endless number of problems which exist in every community.

2. To make a careful study of the outstanding problems of our own community.

3. To discover the congregation's duty in the face of these problems and to take appropriate action.

April: The Congregation and Community Organizations

The community in which the congregation finds itself usually has a large number of organizations which serve more or less worthy causes. There are service clubs, business and professional organizations, trade and agricultural unions, co-ops, better government leagues, fraternal organizations and lodges, and numberless "do good" organizations. What should be the congregation's relationship with such groups? Can the congregation's aims be achieved in part by working through such groups?

The aims are:

1. To survey some of the organizations which exist side by side with the church in many communities.

2. To examine the aims and the programs of some of these organizations to discover the extent to which they are worthy.

3. To inquire whether the congregation's aims can in part be attained through such groups.

4. To discover the congregation's proper relationship to such groups.

May: The Congregation and Organized Youth Groups of the Community

There are many nationally organized youth groups, some of which are found in almost every community. There are Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Clubs, Y.M.C.A.'s, Y.W.C.A.'s, and other groups. Are these organizations good or bad for the individual young person? Should the congregation take advantage of the great reservoir of leadership, materials, experience, and finances which these national youth groups have at their disposal? What should be the congregation's attitude toward these nationally organized youth groups of the community?

The aims are:

1. To discover what youth groups exist in the local community, particularly those having a national organization.

2. To learn about the programs of these non-church groups and discover whether they have a good or bad influence on youth.

3. To inquire whether the aims of these non-church groups might help the congregation attain its Christian objectives.

4. To determine the proper attitude of the congregation toward nationally organized youth groups and take appropriate action.

June: The Congregation and Community Recreation

The need of recreation is recog-zed in our age as never before. Al-ost every congregation sponsors a creational program of some kind. metimes this program is highly de-loped, sometimes it sorely lacks anning. Side by side with the con-egation's recreational program is a mmunity recreational program hich is sometimes promoted as a siness venture by individuals or oups and sometimes is a commun-y undertaking in the full sense of at term. What should be the atti-de of the congregaion toward such n-church sponsored recreation?

The aims are:

1. To see the need for recreation the part of all age groups.

2. To discover what the congrega-n is doing to foster recreation for ch age group and for families as a it.

3. To learn what other opportu-ties for recreation are available in e community, whether privately onsored or supported by the com-nity.

4. To determine the extent to which e congregation should cooperate in n-church recreational programs.

5. To discover the extent to which e congregation's program of recre-on should be correlated with the mmunity's program.

July: The Congregation and Community Improvements

Does the local congregation have a sponsibility for the physical im-ovement of its community, or is s a matter entirely beyond the ovince of the congregation? What should be the congregation's attitude toward clean-up-week, paint-up-week, better roads, better school buildings and school systems, beautification programs, sanitary disposal systems, better water works, etc.?

The aims are:

1. To discover the extent to which a congregation has responsibility for the physical improvement of its community.

2. To inquire how far a congregation should go in supporting better roads, better schools, sanitary disposal systems, programs of beautification, etc.

3. To question whether such activities will interfere with or help promote the primary task of the congregation.

August: The Congregation and Community Cultural Life

By "cultural life" is meant the esthetic, educational, and general social life of the community. Does the congregation have a responsibility for this phase of life, or should this be left entirely to non-church agencies? Should the local congregation promote appreciation of good music, good health, everything that is beautiful and noble and pure? Should it sponsor reading groups, vocal and instrumental groups, art clubs, social studies, appreciation of history, understanding of economics — anything and everything that is cultural and educational?

The aims are:

1. To consider whether the congregation has a responsibility for the cultural level of its community.

2. To determine how far the congregation should go in promoting reading clubs, vocal and instrumental groups, art clubs, and study groups in history, economics, social problems, etc.

3. To inquire what is the congregation's proper relationship to such groups as P. T. A.

4. To decide what should be done by individuals of the congregation or by the congregation as a unit to promote the cultural life of its community.

September: The Congregation and the Community's Public Schools

The public schools have such a vital effect upon the boys and girls of a congregation that the congregation cannot escape being interested in the public schools. But how far should the congregation go in manifesting this interest? Should it try to control the school board and hence the policies of the school system? Should it encourage its members to be candidates for the school board? Should it cooperate with other congregations in supporting or opposing bond issues for school improvement? Should it strive to secure cooperation from the school board in establishing released time schools for Christian training? What is the proper relationship between public schools and the congregation?

The aims are:

1. To see how the public school and its program affects the church and its work.

2. To discover how far the congregation individually or in cooperation with other congregations should go in supporting bond issues and other matters of vital importance to the school system.

3. To learn how the public school authorities and the local congregation can cooperate in establishing released time weekday church schools.

4. To decide what is the proper relationship between the public school and the congregation.

October: The Congregation and Inter-denominational Community Programs

Cooperation between Protestant congregations is definitely on the increase. Is this good or bad? To what extent should the pastor of a local congregation participate in the work of an inter-denominational pastors' association and in other inter-denominational work? Should members of the congregation serve on community committees for social action? What projects, if any, might well be undertaken in cooperation with members of other denominations?

The aims are:

1. To note the growing cooperation between congregations of various Lutheran church bodies.

2. To note the growing cooperation between Lutheran congregations and other Protestant churches and decide what is good or bad about such cooperation.

3. To consider the extent to which a Lutheran pastor should participate in the work of an inter-denominational pastors' association and in other inter-denominational work.

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oy Scouts

GEORGE A. EICHLER

HOW GOOD A SCOUT LEADER ARE YOU?

	Yes	No
Do you really like boys?	☐	☐
Do you get pleasure out of being a scout leader?	☐	☐
Do you have a sense of humor?	☐	☐
Can you readily find the good in every boy?	☐	☐
Do you frequently praise your boys and associates?	☐	☐
Are you fair most of the time?	☐	☐
Do you make it easy for people to work with you?	☐	☐
Do you accept your share of responsibility cheerfully?	☐	☐
Do you plan your work carefully?	☐	☐
Do you know the parents of your scouts personally?	☐	☐
Do you frequently attend scout training sessions?	☐	☐
Do you seek to serve your church through scouting?	☐	☐
Do you try to interest your scouts in the improvement of the community?	☐	☐
Do you study scout literature faithfully?	☐	☐

What's your score? Every *yes* counts one. Make a sincere effort to merit *es* in every square.

Education for Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Young Adults

THE YOUNG adults are getting a lot of attention today. They are entitled to it, and they need it. For many years they were neglected, and are still disregarded in some congregations today. They are the groups of young men and women up to 35. Twenty-four to thirty-five is the usual age-grouping, but the churches recognize also that any one who has become self-supporting, has left the parental home, or has entered the armed services has adult status. These groups tend to become older and older, for some do not like to move into an older group when they reach the upper limit. They hold together, and sometimes style themselves young adults even when they are well along in the forties. So new groups of adults who really are young are being formed from time to time.

The Single Group

This set is made up of unmarried young men and women of the accepted ages. It is desirable that wherever the young adult group is large enough the unmarried and the married sets should each have a set-up of their own. It may be a Sunday-school class, a club, or a combination of the two. They need the opportunity of following out their own interests under church auspices.

I have had letter after letter from young men and women who have no access to a single young adult group in a church, asking, "Why doesn't the church do something for the single young adults? And why so much for the married ones?" My answer has always been that the church is not doing too much for the married set, probably not enough, but surely it could do a great deal more for the singletons. They want opportunities to meet people of their own age, male and female, under circumstances created or approved by the church. A report from one large church with a sizeable unmarried group shows that they had eighteen weddings in the group in one year and seventy in ten years.

From the church these groups desire some recreational facilities, guidance and counsel, preparation for marriage, instruction in Christian fundamentals, and a part in the government of the church.

Couples and Their Interests

These clubs and classes are made up of persons, who, as a rule, are not married longer than nine years, with some members under 25 and with no one over 40. Recognized among the couples groups of various ages are these: young married couples, and then second, third, fourth and fifth older classes or clubs.

Among the major interests of the ıples groups are: fellowship, Bible dy, worship, a life philosophy, a ristian social order, marriage and me life, a Christian view of race d international relations, and child idance. While all groups ask for lowship, they go out in many di-tions in the fields of interest and dy which they pursue. We may ll give place to fellowship, for out of it may issue all the other outcomes for which church leaders are eager.

For further reading turn to:

Single Young Adults in the Church, George Gleason. $1.75.

Church Activities for Young Couples, George Gleason. $1.50.

Planning for Young Adults in the Church, National Council of Churches. 50 cents.

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rotherhood in Action

CHARLES F. BROBST

Church Attendance is Important

CONGREGATIONS that are strong iritually have well-attended worship rvices on Sunday. Regular church endance by members of a church an external evidence of a desire r, or the possession of, the divine ssings of God.

A large membership on the roll of congregation is not necessarily a gn of a virile faith. An attractive d spacious church building, though eally situated with all of the best odern equipment, is no proof of iritual strength. A congregation ay have all the organizations that e mind of man conceived, and yet no powerhouse of God. Buzzing tivity every weekday evening is no re criterion of divine approval. The ast God expects of his believers is at they assemble themselves in the ouse of the Lord regularly each Sunay.

Our people need to hear and receive the Word of God. Without it the means of grace are not effective in their lives. "Receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls." This requires regular church attendance.

A congregation by its example makes an impact upon the community. As a body of believers it is either a poor or a good witness for Christ. A congregation, like an individual, can only attract and win others by living what it proclaims. When church members attend the worship services regularly each Lord's day, it is comparatively easy to interest and win those outside the church. Building up the church attendance is the first essential in an effective evangelism program in any congregation.

The main purpose of the church has often been replaced by non-essentials. The side shows have overshadowed the main tent. The kitchen

in the basement is sometimes more appealing than the altar in the chancel. The socials in the fellowship room frequently appear more important than worship in the sanctuary. Commercialism enlists more concern than Christian stewardship.

The church has only two fundamental functions — to strengthen those who are in it and to win those who are outside. Church attendance is the first and most important step towards the accomplishment of these objectives.

The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church has as one of its main objectives the increasing of the attendance at the Sunday services. In adopting this objective it recognizes the importance of regular worship. With the increasing support the Brotherhood is receiving throughout the church, it is now possible to present a workable plan for our men's groups to use to increase church attendance. It is known as The King's Men Program. We will tell you more about it next month.

Message from Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

Double Membership Goal in Sight

"Let's Double Our Membership in '53." This challenging appeal of our Stewardship Committee is the number one project for our congregational Brotherhoods during the remainder of this year.

Church-wide reports indicate this project is receiving the greatest response in our Brotherhood history. Hundreds of new members were received at the Brotherhood Sunday services on October 18. If your Brotherhood did not meet its 100 per cent quota on October 18, please make a special effort to reach your goal by December 31.

There is still time for your men's organization to earn a coveted place on the honor roll of Brotherhoods that are earnestly striving to enlist all of their laymen for active service for Christ and his Church. All you have to do to reach your goal is to ask each member to bring a friend to your November and December meetings.

The September and October issues of *Lutheran Men* listed the Brotherhoods that are pledged to double their membership in 1953. Our sincere thanks come to these additional Brotherhoods who have returned their participation cards since that time:

Trinity, Concord, N. C.
St. Luke's, Huntington Park, Calif.
St. Paul's, Akron, Ohio
Calvary, Concord, N. C.
Trinity, Jacksonville, Fla.
Redeemer, Newberry, S. C.
St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md.
Nazareth, Lexington, S. C.
Pisgah, Lexington, S. C.
Zion, Minersville, Pa.
First, Lexington, N. C.

inkey Memorial, Ashfield, Pa.
alvary, Laureldale, Pa.
ethany, West Reading, Pa.
hrist, Pierce, Nebr.
t. Andrew's, New Bern, N. C.
t. David's, Philadelphia, Pa.
irst, Greensboro, N. C.
race, Lakeland, Fla.
t. Mark's, Cuero, Texas
t. Mark's, Clarksburg, W. Va.
t. Mark's, Lancaster, Pa.
oly Trinity, Lynchburg, Va.
azarus, Lineboro, Md.
oly Trinity, Chester, Pa.
tonement, Asbury Park, N. J.
t. Mark's, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
t. John's, Oshkosh, Wis.
nited, Eugene, Ore.
irst, Greensburg, Pa.
ion, Northampton, Pa.
t. John's, Coopersburg, Pa.
t. Peter's, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
t. Olive, Hickory, N. C.
t. John's, East Riverdale, Md.
t. John's, Homestead, Pa.
ion, Utica, N. Y.
ethany, Braddock, Pa.
t. John's, Lanham, Nebr.
aith Lilac Way, Robbinsdale, Minn.
t. John's, Quakertown, Pa.
hrist, Stouchsburg, Pa.
ope-Epiphany, Chicago, Ill.

If you have not already done so, ease complete and return today the rticipation card on this page.

Atlanta Convention

September 24-26, 1954, will be the es for the nineteenth biennial con- tion of the ULCA Brotherhood. The convention sessions will be held in the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The average Brotherhood member scarcely realizes the long-range planning which is necessary to promote a national convention. The following report from Brother Charles R. Kraus indicates the local committee is making elaborate plans for the entertainment of the delegates who will come to Atlanta next Fall:

"On Friday, September 25th, eighteen laymen representing the seven Atlanta area Lutheran churches met for the purpose of organizing for the 1954 convention. The following were elected to serve on the Convention Organizing Committee:

General Chairman: David Blomstrom, Redeemer, Atlanta.

Associate Chairman: J. H. Oetgen, Redeemer, Atlanta.

Secretary: Charles R. Kraus, Holy Trinity, Marietta.

Treasurer: William Doucher, Messiah, Atlanta.

This committee will also consist of the following:

The Brotherhood of the ULCA
Market and New Streets,
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City State Pastor

will gladly cooperate with your Church-wide Stewardship project by endeavoring to increase our local Brotherhood membership by 100% before the end of this year.

....., 1953 .....
Officer

M. R. Gruber, president of the Ga.-Ala. Synod Brotherhood; the Rev. C. E. Fritz, D.D., president of the Ga.-Ala. Synod, and the Rev. J. R. Brokhoff, D.D., pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The chairmen of the Publicity, Service, Banquet, Hotel and Travel, Entertainment, and Ministerial Committees will be appointed later.

At this meeting numerous suggestions were made by the men that will be given consideration by the Organizing Committee to make this the most helpful, enlightening and inspiring convention ever held."

With the convention only ten months away, each synodical and congregational Brotherhood should plan now to send official delegates to our Brotherhood convention next year.

NEWS

Pennsylvania — Pittsburgh Synod

J. Russell Barley, Beaver, was elected president of the Brotherhood of the Pittsburgh Synod at its annual convention on Sept. 26 at Camp Lutherlyn, near Prospect. He succeeds Walter C. Koehler, Pittsburgh, who held the office for the past five years.

Lysle P. Shaffer, New Brighton, president of the West Conference Brotherhood, succeeds Mr. Barley as vice president of the synodical Brotherhood. Re-elected for another term were Edward Peterson, Pittsburgh, secretary; Clarence J. Conrad Sr., Sunset Hills, Aliquippa, treasurer; Frank H. Kohne, New Brighton, statistical secretary. William Espy, Apollo; Dr. Roy H. Johnson, Greenville, and Kenneth Henry, Greensburg, were elected to a three-year term as members at large to the Executive Committee of the synodical Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood adopted the furnishing of a Memorial Chapel at Harter Hall, the new men's dormitory at Thiel College, Greenville, to the amount of $5,000 as its special project. Also adopted was the proposed new revised constitution for the synodical Brotherhood. The children of the Lutheran Orphans' Home, Zelienople, will be guests of the men of the Brotherhood to see the premiere for this district of the history-making "Martin Luther" film, at Warner's Theatre, downtown Pittsburgh. The Zelienople Bus Co. will provide transportation free of charge.

The main feature of the afternoon session was a panel discussion on "The Stewardship of Time and Talents," with Dr. Roy H. Johnson, Thiel College, as moderator. Members of the panel were Dr. E. K. Rogers, Greenville, secretary of evangelism and stewardship of the Pittsburgh Synod, who spoke on "The Foundations of Stewardship"; the Rev. William F. Pfeifer Jr., Greensburg, on "Resources"; the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Stackel, Pittsburgh, on "The Laymen

t Work in Church and Community"; nd Henry Endress, New York City, xecutive director of the Lutheran aymen's Movement, on "Opportuni- es for Laymen."

Mr. Endress, who served as the hairman and later became the execu- ve director of Lutheran Church Pro- uctions, Inc., gave an interesting ac- ount of the "Story of the Martin uther Film," its years of planning, esearch, and filming in Germany. he picture, financed by the six larg- st Lutheran Church bodies in Amer- a, was produced by the Louis de ochemont Associates. It has been ppraised as the outstanding film of he year, from coast to coast. Mr. ndress spent six months in Germany uring the actual filming of the pic- ure. "Martin Luther" is now making s premier debut for the tri-state area t Warner's Theatre in Pittsburgh.

The convention broke all previous onvention records for attendance. ver 400 men attended the annual anquet and evening session. Merwyn . Fuss, Taneytown, Md., president f the Brotherhood of the United utheran Church, was the principal peaker. Other speakers included Dr. . Lawrence Himmelman, West View, resident of the Pittsburgh Synod; r. Frederic B. Irvin, president of hiel College; the Rev. Paul E. augherty, Butler, chairman of the ome Mission Advance Appeal. Mr. arley made the closing remarks. The ev. Robert H. Armstrong, Pittsburgh, erved as convention chaplain.

—H. O. F. Simoleit

Virginia Synod

The fall rally of the Shenandoah Conference Brotherhood will meet in St. Peter's Church, Toms Brook, Virginia, on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be the president of the Virginia Synod, the Rev. Dr. J. Luther Mauney. Earl Miley Jr., president of the conference Brotherhood, extends a hearty invitation to Lutheran men everywhere to be his guests for the rally, and of course there will be food.

In the Staunton Conference, the units of the Blue Ridge attended a supper meeting at Bethlehem Church, Waynesboro, Route 2, in the evening of Oct. 16. Dr. Turille and Phillip Stauffer were the speakers. A special offering was received for the Gift Fund.

In the sport world, Resurrection Church, Arlington, finished in third place in the Arlington County Church Softball League. This circuit is composed of 16 teams playing in two sections. All teams are uniformed, use paid umpires, and play a very fast game. Seven of the Resurrection squad were selected to play in the county All Star Doubleheader playoff.

Phil Stauffer's young son Bobby seems to be a top salesman, we hear. Bobby keeps busy during his spare time by caddying at the Army-Navy Air Force Country Club. He spoke of the Gift Fund appeal to his fellow caddies and they came up with a collection of silver and coppers — $10 — which was turned over to Phil for

the Gift Fund. Bobby says that he just told the ten colored and four white boys about the appeal and they began giving. Would that the men of our church could find it within their hearts to respond as those boys did.

Pastor Frank Roof, chairman of the synodical Loan and Gift Fund Committee, writes that he has just returned from a pastor's get-together in the Knoxville Conference. From the enthusiasm of those pastors and their laymen we judge that this conference will do well by the Gift Fund appeal.

—O. C. Crawford

Maryland Synod

The 7th annual retreat of the Lutheran Laymen of the Maryland Synod was held at Camp Nawakwa, near Arendtsville, Pa., Sept. 12-13. Two hundred and sixteen men from Washington, Baltimore, Hagerstown, Frederick and smaller towns in the synod were registered.

The theme for the retreat was "Living Our Religion." The program was arranged by a committee from the Western District of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood, with Harry O'Brien, Hagerstown, serving as chairman. Fred Gross, Hagerstown, was the song leader.

The Rev. Bruce Weaver, York, Pa., spoke Saturday evening on the theme "Living Our Religion at Home." Merwyn C. Fuss, Taneytown, Md., president of the ULCA Brotherhood, also addressed the group at that time. Earl Menges, Cumberland, was the tecaher at Sunday-school worship on Sunday morning. The Rev. P. Heinze, St. Mark's Church, Hagerstown, preached at the service of Holy Communion, and was assisted by the Rev. R. S. Shanebrook, Immanuel Church, Manchester, in administering the communion.

The Sunday afternoon speaker was Luther W. Boliek, Hickory, N. C., who spoke on "Living Our Religion in Business." Pastor Shanebrook, the retreat chaplain, led the closing devotions.

We had the largest attendance at this retreat in the seven years of its activity, and all expressed the desire of returning next year on the week end after Labor Day.

—William J. Flohr

LWR Sets Clothing Appeal for Thanksgiving Week

New York — (NLC) — Lutheran World Relief's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal will be held from November 22 to 29, it was announced here by Bernard A. Confer, administrative secretary of LWR, the National Lutheran Council's material aid agency.

Mr. Confer urged the 10,000 local congregations of the church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council to make immediate plans for collecting used clothing for the world's needy and to send it to LWR warehouses during Thanksgiving week.

Last year, he said, the Lutherans in America responded to the appeal with enthusiasm and contributed more than two million pounds of clothing at Thanksgiving time.

This, he added, marked a new high for the clothing drive and gave indi-

ition of increasing awareness of the nportance of these gifts overseas nd of the responsibilities Christians ear toward their needy world neighors.

Conditions in a number of counies in Europe and Asia make anher strong appeal for clothing necssary, Mr. Confer emphasized.

"Our brethren in predominantly utheran East Germany live under eadily deteriorating circumstances; ose who flee to the West must come npty-handed," he said.

"In Korea," the administrative sectary continued, "the cessation of ostilities should bring more opporunities for serving the millions who ave endured so much suffering."

He also added that in Jordan and yria Arab refugees "in their tent mps and caves and hovels sorely ed that which we have to share."

The theme for the 1953 LWR clothg drive, "Let Your Clothing Speak r Christ," is interpreted in a leaflet ublished here and distributed to all ngregations and various church rganzations taking part in the naon-wide drive.

"To a refugee in rags your gift of othing, distributed in the name of hrist, is a powerful witness," the aflet states. "It tells sorely-tried hristians that their Lord waches over em. Your gift spells out the love of od in a way that needy people can nderstand — whether they be Mosm, Buddhist or even atheist."

Mr. Confer pointed out that LWR currently shipping clothing gifts Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia,

NLC News Photo

Put Yourself in His Shoes
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These battered shoes belonged to a 20-year-old refugee. They carried him nearly 400 miles in January, 1952, while he walked, seeking work unsuccessfully, from his camp "home" near the Czech border to Nuremberg, to Munich, to Ulm, to Stuttgart and back to Ulm and Munich. Because Lutherans in America gave "thanks by sharing" through Lutheran World Relief, the German Church was able to replace these shoes. LWR's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal will be held this month.

Syria, Jordan, Korea, Formosa, and limited amounts for refugees to France and Trieste.

During the twelve months preceding September 1, 1953, LWR shipped a total of 3,457,822 pounds of clothing to needy people abroad, he said.

LWR will receive the anticipated clothing gifts at its main warehouse at Phillipsburg, New Jersey, as well as at the additional warehouses in Los Angeles, California; New Windsor, Maryland; and Oakland, California.

Temporary receiving depots will be open in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Nappanee, Indiana.

Basically the LWR Thanksgiving clothing drive is to be carried on a congregational basis, with all the more than 10,000 congregations of the church bodies cooperating in the

National Lutheran Council expected to participate.

In addition the clothing drive will be promoted on state or area levels by a number of synods, Lutheran welfare societies, pastors' associations and lay groups, Mr. Confer said.

Many of the local groups, he added, are setting up area receiving depots to serve in cooperative efforts to fill carloads with clothing gifts.

Last year's Thanksgiving drive brought a total of 41 carloads of used clothing.

Luther Film Director Tells Story of How Picture Was Made

New York — (NLC) — A feature story on the production of the dramatic film "Martin Luther" appears in the October issue of *Christian Herald*, interdenominational Protestant magazine.

The story by Irving Pichel, director of the film, is entitled "My 70 Days with Martin Luther." A subtitle indicates it is "the story behind a film that's making motion picture history." "When I had my first meeting with the men who had most to do with making the film, I was told something I do not recall, as a Hollywood director, ever having been told before

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by a producer," the director claims. "I was instructed that this picture was *to tell the truth.*"

Honors Convocation at Thiel

At the 26th Honors Convocation on October 16, Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity to the Rev. George Kunkle Gesler, India missionary.

Dr. Gesler was graduated from Thiel College, *summa cum laude,* in 1921, and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy in 1924. After his ordination in 1924, he served parishes in the East Pennsylvania Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He then enrolled in the Dental School of Temple University and was granted the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, *summa cum laude,* in 1929. Temple University also recognized his outstanding academic record by presenting him with the Alumni Gold Medal.

His citation from Thiel reads as follows: "Since his commissioning as a foreign missionary in 1929, Pastor Gesler has served in the Liberian field for six years and in the India field for the past fifteen years. With sincere devotion to our Lord and through a combination of talents rare in the history of the mission enterprise, Dr. Gesler has performed the Christian ministries of preaching, teaching, and healing. Principal of the Muhlenberg Boys' School in Liberia, District Missionary in India, dentist, member of the Executive Council of the Andhra Lutheran Church, Chairman of the Board of Andhra Christian College, Superintendent of vast enterprises in building for the Andhra Lutheran Church, Dr. Gesler has exemplified in his life and work those qualities of Christian humility and service which Thiel College attempts to inculcate in its students.

"As testimony of the desire of Thiel College to strengthen the foreign missionary enterprise of the Holy Church, and as a mark of the esteem of Thiel College for this distinguished alumnus, the Reverend Doctor George Kunkle Gesler is presented for the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity."

God Works in Wondrous Ways

Come Before Winter. By Carroll Voss. Muhlenberg Press. 290 pages. $3.75.

This first novel by Carroll Voss tells the story of willful Cole, who wanted most the approval and love of his father, a doctor; his sister Dureth, who lived up to her name in all she endured for her brother's misdeeds; their Aunt Phenie, who was an upright woman with good intentions; Uncle Jon, who found the church excluded nobody, and who said, "You never can tell about God — what he may do in the life of any one of us."

These people are involved in a fascinating story for everybody, leaving the feeling that God works in wondrous ways.

—Jean Haring Mohr

Brotherhood Man and His Homemade Tractor-Bronco

Pictured above, riding a tractor-bronco of his own construction, is Herman Crout of Wittenberg Church, Leesville, S. C., the Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, D.D., pastor. Mr. Crout was aware of the problem of keeping mowed the two acres of lawn around the church and, deciding to do something about it, constructed a tractor-bronco. The owner of a large Esso service and sales station, and president of the Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Crout is a Brotherhood leader in the congregation, the conference and the synod. Said Mr. Crout's pastor: "He is one of hundreds of men who make glad a pastor's heart by thinking for themselves how they might take on certain responsibilities. What a burden lifting to have a Brotherhood man say, 'Pastor, just forget about these church grounds; that is my responsibility'."

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4. To examine some of the community issues which seem to lend themselves more readily to a solution through inter-denominational cooperation than through action by a single congregation or several Lutheran congregations.

5. To weigh carefully the rules and regulations of various denominations concerning the inter-denominational relationships.

6. To decide how far our congregation should go in inter-denominational relationships in the community.

November: The Congregation and Community Government

The kind of government we have in the local community determines the

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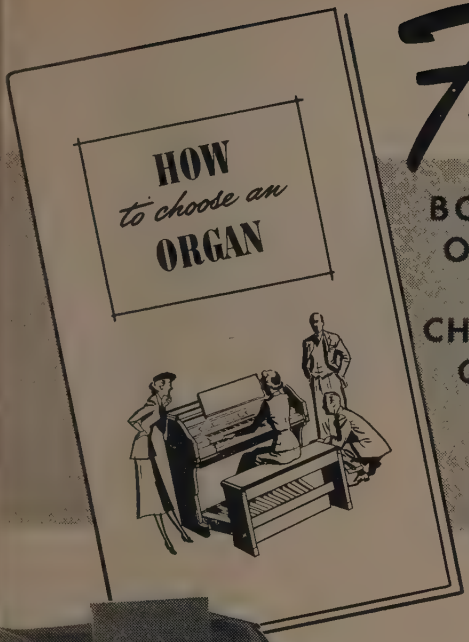

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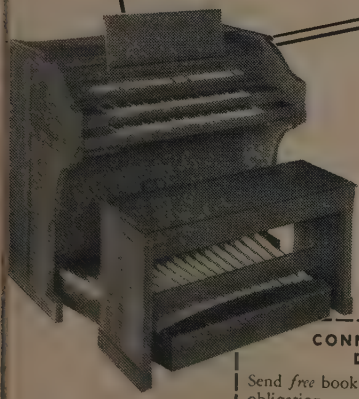

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Honorary Life Memberships

by PHARES G. BEER

Synodical Honorary Life Membership Secretaries

PAUL WRITES one letter that is not only for a single church or even a group of churches but is for all the churches of all times. While Paul addresses the third of his prison epistles "to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are in Colosse," in the second verse of the first chapter, he also states in the fourth chapter, verse sixteen, that "when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans," and in chapter two, verse one, he expresses his interest in all Christians: "For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for *as many as have not seen my face in the flesh.*" This last clause includes all Christians of all ages and especially those who did not see Paul in the flesh.

In this letter Paul memorializes for all ages ten Christians in some way or other associated with himself or the church at Colosse. One of these, Epaphras, he memorializes twice: first in chapter one, verse seven, with the citation, "Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ"; and again in chapter four, verse twelve, where he says: "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ . . . always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God . . . He hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis."

We have been asked why should any person be given more than one Life Membership, In Memoriam or Transfer. Our reply is, this may be done for the same reason that Paul twice mentions Epaphras and gives him two beautiful citations in different chapters of his letter to the Colossians.

Let us look at the other persons whom Paul memorializes throughout the ages by mentioning them in this book. In chapter four, verse seven, we have "Tychicus . . . who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord." In verse nine of the same chapter we have mentioned: "Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you." Onesimus, we are told in the letter to Philemon, was a runaway slave from his master, Philemon, and this shows us clearly that no person may be too humble or lowly in life to be memorialized. Some of my good friends have thought and said that only outstanding members of the church should be given Honorary Life Memberships or In Memoriams. Here again we follow Paul's example in giving Honorary Life Memberships and In Memoriams to the obscure and poor. No one is excluded from these on account of poverty, race or color.

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In verse ten Paul mentions "Aristarchus my fellow prisoner," and "Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas," and in verse eleven "Justus," and then adds that all three of these "are of the circumcision . . . (and) are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort to me." Paul here indicates that former Jews have as much right to be made Honorary Life Members or to be memorialized as Gentiles. Following in Paul's steps, we receive Honorary Life Memberships for Christians whether they are from the United States or any other nation of the world, whether they are men, women or children, or whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

In verse fifteen "Nymphas," who provides the home for "the church which is in his house," is memorialized. People who provide homes for our mission congregations should be given Honorary Life Memberships and In Memoriams with this fact noted in their citations.

In verse fourteen Paul mentions "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas." Doctors like Luke who give their lives to alleviate pain among their fellow men may be given Honorary Life Memberships or be memorialized and people like the unstable and unknown "Demas" may be memorialized without a citation.

In verse seventeen "Archippus" is mentioned without a citation but with instructions from Paul. Many Christians need instructions rather than citations.

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The United Nations

by EMORY LINDQUIST

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Aims

1. To emphasize the principles and purpose of the United Nations.
2. To become acquainted with the organization and functions of the United Nations.
3. To realize that a new era of collective security is possible among the family of nations.
4. To indicate some of the progress that has been made through the United Nations.
5. To consider how church members can contribute to building a just and durable peace through the United Nations.

POWERFUL FORCES are challenging the survival of civilization. Our crisis is fundamentally moral and spiritual. Fortunately there are also developments which promise to promote a decent world community. Christian people should understand these developments and give effective support to the principles which are central in them.

The United Nations represents the most important single official development in the attempt to introduce the rule of reason into the family of nations. It came into being against the background of two tragic wars which threatened the very foundation of civilization. The Charter of the

Worship

Hymn: "O How Shall I Receive Thee" — No. 6 C.S.B., or No. 6 P.S.H.
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
Free Prayer
Special Music
Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" — No. 12 C.S.B., or No. 2 P.S.H.
Topic
Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound! the Saviour Comes" — No. 9 C.S.B., or No. 3 P.S.H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

nited Nations was completed on ne 26, 1945, and became effective n Oct. 24, 1945. A new era in the lations of nations was introduced sixty nations signed this document.

Purposes of United Nations

The Charter outlines four basic rposes and principles of the United ations. They may be summarized follows:

1. "To maintain international peace nd security."

2. "To develop friendly relations nong nations based on respect for e principle of equal rights and self-termination of peoples."

3. "To achieve international co-peration in solving international roblems of an economic, social, cul-ral or humanitarian character."

4. "To be a center for harmonizing e actions by nations in the attain-ent of these common ends."

Pattern of Organization

The purposes and principles of the nited Nations are to be carried out rough a plan of organization which cludes the following six bodies:

The General Assembly

This Assembly includes all member ations, and is really the parliament f the world. It is fundamentally the olicy-making body of the United ations. In the event that the Security ouncil fails to recommend action in period of crisis, the General As-mbly has this responsibility. Each ation has one vote. The General ssembly meets once a year, though ecial sessions may be held.

The Security Council

The Security Council consists of eleven members. The five permanent members are China, France, the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States. Six non-permanent members are elected for two years each by the General Assembly.

The Security Council is an administrative group, and is organized so that it can function continuously. On basic issues seven affirmative votes, including the votes of all permanent members, are required.

3. **The Economic and Social Council**

This Council encourages co-operation between member nations to produce respect for human rights, improve health conditions, promote economic and social progress, and eliminate factors that create tensions among nations.

The program sponsored by this Council is carried on through thirteen specialized agencies. The more important of these agencies are: 1) International Labor Organization (ILO); 2) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); 3) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (BANK); 4) International Refugee Organization (IRO); 5) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); and 6) World Health Organization (WHO).

4. **The Trusteeship Council**

This Council has responsibility for administering colonies taken from fascist countries in World War II and mandates under the League of Nations and colonies placed voluntarily under their jurisdiction. Membership

is divided equally between states which supervise territories and those which do not.

5. **International Court of Justice**

Fifteen highly qualified persons are elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council to serve on this important court. No country can have more than one judge. This is the judicial body of the United Nations. It meets at the Hague, in the Netherlands.

6. **The Secretariat**

The many and varied activities of the United Nations are carried out by the Secretariat, which is really the staff of the organization. Heading this important unit is the Secretary-General. Each of the departments is headed by an Assistant Secretary-General. More than 3,500 employees from all over the world carry on the day-by-day functions of the United Nations.

Declaration of Human Rights

American citizens have basic rights, guaranteed by law. The first ten amendments to our constitution guarantee fundamental civil liberties, such as freedom of speech, press, and worship; the right of trial by jury; etc.

The United Nations is working energetically to secure guarantees of human rights throughout the world. After careful consideration the General Assembly approved the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* on December 10, 1948. It can be compared to our Declaration of Independence in that it is not a code of law but a statement of principle. Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, a pastor of The United Lutheran Church, played a leading role in the formulation and adoption of this important document.

The thirty statements of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights form the basis of human relations that might well reshape the world. Without being labelled as such, basic elements of the Christian view of life and society are emphasized again and again. A few of these statements are: Article 1: "All human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience, and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." Article 4: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person." Article 19: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

Achievements of the United Nations

The record of the United Nations is one of success in many areas and failure in others. It should not be expected that success will be immediate and unfailing. Let us remember some of the lessons of our own history. Government under the Articles of Confederation was not successful. The pattern of the American government came into being only after several attempts and years of study and planning.

Critics of the United Nations fail to

ealize that significant gains have already been attained under very unfavorable circumstances. The General Assembly provides a forum for discussion, and offers opportunity for exploring peaceful solutions to long-standing and immediate problems. When South Korea was invaded in June, 1950, the Security Council used the first military sanctions in history in the exercise of collective security.

In the sixth regular session, in 1951, the General Assembly approved a resolution calling upon member countries to keep armed forces available for use against an agressor upon recommendation of the Assembly. This action enables the Assembly to act if a veto should prevent the Security Council from doing so. This sense of world-wide responsibility for maintaining peace through the United Nations is a distinctive aspect of the history of our times.

Achievements of Various Agencies

The various agencies of the United Nations have fine records of achievement. The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has made food, clothing, and medical services available to millions of children throughout the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) has rendered extensive service in the areas of public health. It provided technical services to combat epidemics, led the world-wide attacks against malaria, tuberculosis, venereal and other diseases, and provided services on an international level to safeguard and improve the health of mankind. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has furnished technical assistance in many countries to increase production of foodstuffs. The International Labor Organization (ILO) has rendered technical assistance to undeveloped regions, investigated conditions of labor, suggested methods of improvement, provided training courses, and secured the adoption of labor conventions on working conditions, industrial safety, women and child labor, etc. The International Refugee Organization (IRO) has served millions of people with direct material aid and made possible the resettlement of many displaced persons. The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), recognizing "that since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed," has promoted understanding among peoples through radio, films, libraries, publications, the exchange of persons, etc. Other programs of the United Nations have been equally valuable.

United Nations and United States

The United States has recognized that the world situation calls for intimate participation in its events. Isolation from the stream of world events is now generally regarded as impossible. Personal and financial resources have therefore been contributed to the program of the United Nations. As a result we have shared in the benefits which have come to all nations of the world in the form of collective security.

The United States has reaped benefits which are not always recognized.

The International Wheat Agreement, reached through the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, has assured markets for 168,069,635 bushels of American wheat exports annually, beginning with the 1949-50 crop and continuing through June 30, 1953. American exports have benefited by the Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The International Labor Organization has helped to curtail sweatshop competition for American workers and products. International attacks upon illegal trade in narcotics have reduced the supply of these dangerous drugs. Many other advantages have resulted from our participation in the various agencies and organizations operating under the United Nations.

The United Nations represents a conscientious attempt to improve human relations and to promote peace and justice. Christian people everywhere must seek to understand and participate in these constructive goals, and thus enlarge the area of their witness.

Suggestions for Discussion

1. What are the aims and purposes of the United Nations?

2. Why should the United States hold membership in the United Nations?

3. What is the greatest strength of the United Nations?

4. What is the greatest weakness of the United Nations?

5. What will happen in international relations in the event the ideals of the United Nations are not achieved?

6. What does the Bible state about the equality of races and peoples?

7. What can we do, as church members, to promote understanding among peoples of various nations?

Suggestions for Action

1. Occasionally provide a period at meetings for a brief statement on "What's New in the United Nations?"

2. Encourage members to attend sessions of the General Assembly or meetings of a Council of the United Nations.

3. Invite people from abroad to Brotherhood meetings.

4. Invite people of other nations to be guests in your home, and strive to understand and appreciate them.

5. Pray for the United Nations and exert all possible influence to have our nation discharge its full responsibility to the family of nations.

This Is Important

Assignments for the January Meeting

The theme of our 1954 Brotherhood topics is, "The Congregation and Its Community." These two — congregation and community — are inextricably bound together. Just as the individual is influenced by the customs, practices, and the whole atmosphere and spirit of the community in which he lives, so the congregation is influenced by the schools, organizations, cultural life, recreation, law enforcement, and many other factors in the life of its community. Just as the individual exerts an influence upon other individuals with whom he has contact in the community, and thereby helps to determine the kind of community in which he will be living, so the local congregation exerts an influence not only upon individuals but upon the organized community life with all its ramifications. The local congregation is part of its community — is influenced by that community and in turn helps to shape the community.

The local congregation must add to community life the leavening influence of the Gospel, the moral and spiritual dynamic necessary for wholesome community living. It must be the conscience, inspiration, and guide of community life.

The first study in this new series of topics is to lay foundations for all the topics which will follow during the year. It should orientate members of the Brotherhood for this study. It is therefore important that the following assignments be made, that they be carefully carried out, and that reports be made at the first Brotherhood meeting in the new year.

1. Appoint a committee to investigate the relation between the local congregation and the community. This committee might well report at the beginning of the meeting. It may make use of the material printed above, but should add specific illustrations drawn from the local situation. It should answer questions such as the following: What kind of people are living in the territory that should be served by our congregation — rich, middle class, or poor? What are their problems and needs? Are there groups which the congregation should reach but which are not now being reached (foreigners, rich or poor, other races, etc.)? How is our congregation influenced by our community and its people? How is our congregation influencing community life?

2. Appoint a committee or some individual to present a summary of the topic written by Dr. Schaeffer. The topic should not be read at the meeting. The assumption should be that members of the Brotherhood have already read the topic. The present purpose is to refresh memory by reviewing the high lights.

3. Appoint a committee to lead in a discussion of the matters presented under, "For Study and Discussion." Interest will be enhanced if this committee will add some things that are of special local interest.

4. Appoint a committee that will lead in a consideration of the matters presented under, "Suggestions for Action." This committee should lead members of the Brotherhood to resolve that both as individuals and as a Brotherhood they will engage in specific projects as a result of this study. Freedom should be allowed in the selection of the projects that will be undertaken.

5. Appoint a committee to have charge of the worship at the beginning and end of the meeting. This worship should be carefully planned and should be in harmony with the topic that is studied.

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The Difference

Oliver Wendell Holmes once mistook an insane asylum for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper, and commented humorously, "I suppose there is not a great deal of difference."

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kind of laws we will have and the extent to which laws will be enforced. Local government therefore affects the life and work of the congregation. How far should the congregation then go in expressing itself in the selection of municipal leaders? To what extent should it encourage its own members to seek public office? Should it campaign for the leaders who it believes will promote good government?

The aims are:

1. To emphasize that the quality of local government depends largely on the kind of people who are elected.

2. To inquire whether the congregation has a right to bring pressure to bear on municipal leaders to enforce the laws.

3. To give consideration to the extent to which the congregation should encourage its members to seek public office.

4. To give thought to the extent to which the congregation should campaign for leaders who will promote good government.

5. To investigate other ways in which the congregation can contribute to the promotion of good government.

December: The Congregation and the Community's Celebration of Christmas

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The aims are:

1. To examine the secular elements

hich are clinging to Christmas and reatening to make it a secular holiay instead of a holy day.

2. To examine the observance of hristmas in the local congregation nd its schools and organizations, in rder to discover the extent to which e real message of Christmas is being ressed.

3. To discover steps which can be ken by the individual and by groups the local congregation to help ake the observance of Christmas a efinitely Christian experience.

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A Cold Ending

Three bears walked into an ice plane. Papa ear sat down on a cake of ice and told a ory. Then Mamma Bear sat down on a cake ice and told her story. Finally Baby Bear t down on a cake of ice, and said, "My le is told."

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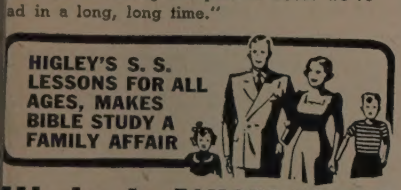

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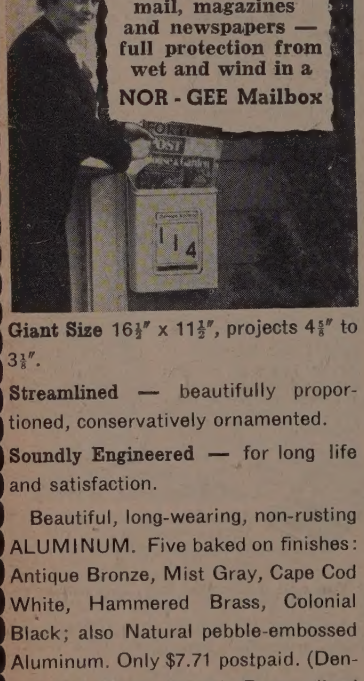

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